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To the Brethren of the Louisiana Conference and the Methodists of Louisiana :

Dear Brethren—At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, the transfer of the college property to the Legal Conference was made in exact accord with the Compromise Judgement rendered at Clinton and also in accord with the resolution of the Louisiana Conference at its last session in New Orleans.

I have thought it necessary and believe it to be expedient to send out this circular letter containing an exact copy of the transfer in order that all parties interested may be in possession of all the facts of the case.

By virtue of this transfer the Legal Conference becomes the absolute owner of the property subject to the conditions of the charter and the acts of the Legislature and the original title deed passed before Lafayette Sanders, whereby Judge McGehee became the owner of the property.

Please note that the original act required "that the aforesaid College shall not be appropriated to any other purposes than a literary institution." Please note further that the Charter granted by the State expressly stipulates that it is the purpose of the charter that the Board of Trustees is to "continue in charge of the college we have already established at Jackson, Louisiana." And further that the College has power "to confer such degrees as are usually granted by any university, college, or seminary of learning in the United States," and hold property "to the value of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, which shall never be appropriated to any other purposes and uses other than the establishment and support of an institution of learning."

Now Brethren, I appeal to your sense of reason and justice in the spirit of the Master. Will an Insane Asylum meet and satisfy the conditions set forth in the terms of the compromise? Will a high school or a secondary school of any character or grade meet the conditions? The Board of Trustees have acted in good faith. A sacred trust was confided in that Board, and it has transferred that trust into the keeping of one branch of the Church of Christ. That trust will not be betrayed, impaired or rendered nugatory.

It will be seen by reading the act of transfer that two things have been done. First, the Methodist Church has acquired in the name of its own legal corporation and subject to its own control, property worth \$100,000.00 to which before it had no legal record title. Second, it has assumed an obligation to maintain at Jackson, the College already established there in accordance with the charter, the compromise, and the original act of purchase by Judge McGehee and "the statutes of this State on the subject matter."

The question arises, can the church in Louisiana support two colleges? Can it violate its moral obligation by attempting to dispose of this property, which it cannot even legally dispose of? Can it evade its obligation by allowing Centenary College to die of inanition? We answer all these questions in the negative.

We ask another question. Even if there were no moral or legal objections in the way, is it common sense for the church to throw away this valuable property and try to raise funds to purchase and build elsewhere? We again answer no.

The Methodist Church now has in Centenary College an educational institution of the highest grade, and most honorable reputation, buildings without doubt the noblest in the south, a situation healthful, intelligent, moral and easily accessible.

The original management has passed away, and the men who have controlled it have already resigned or will soon resign. The Legal Conference at its next meeting can and should elect a new board, a new president, and faculty, if they desire, and should call on the Methodists of Louisiana to rally to and improve that which is now their own.

It is suicidal folly to barter away \$100,000.00 worth of valuable property, and nearly a hundred years of honorable history for a foolish, vain, chimerical, inchoate, intangible, unrealizable dream of acquiring property and endowment elsewhere, the accomplishment of which would be fraught with dishonor and nullified with illegality.

Brethren—it is time for this ill fated attack upon our noblest child to cease. It is time for you, under your own management and in your own way to develop and foster this institution which

can and should be made the crown and flower of your educational system in Louisiana.

Nothing prevents success here, but lack of union. By a united effort 300 students can be placed upon this campus at the opening of next session. Our desolate places can be built up, and the halls which in bygone years rang with the eloquence of Davis, Benjamin, and Ellis, be again gladdened by the presence of the noblest of our youth to press on to the high rewards of learning as did their fathers in bygone years.

C. C. MILLER,
President Centenary College.

June 12, 1905.

Deed of Transfer.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
Parish of East Feliciana. }

Before me, Robt. S. Austin, a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the Parish of East Feliciana, State of Louisiana, and in the presence of legal witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned,

Personally came and appeared S. S. Keener, President of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College of Louisiana, duly authorized hereto by resolution of said Board of Trustees, passed on the 5th day of June, A. D. 1906, a certified copy of which is hereto attached and paraphed "Ne Varietur" to agree herewith, who declared that acting by virtue of said resolution he has conveyed and does hereby make formal conveyance unto the Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, herein represented by John T. Sawyer, President of the Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of all the property belonging to said College for the reasons and on the terms and on conditions set forth in the judgment rendered in the suit of John C. Keener et als. vs. the Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, No. 413 on the docket of the 24th District Court, Parish of East Feliciana, State of Louisiana, and for the reasons

and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the act passed before Lafayette Sanders on June 5th, 1845, and upon the terms and conditions of the Charter approved by the Governor of Louisiana on June 29th, 1848, which judgment, act before Lafayette Sanders of June 5th, 1845, and Charter approved June 21st, 1848, are all made a part of this act for certainty of description of the Property transferred, and as setting forth the terms and conditions on which it is conveyed by said Board of Trustees, and is accepted by said Legal Conference, and which said judgment, act of June 5th, 1845, and Charter approved June 29th, 1848, are in words and figures as follows, viz :

'John C. Keener et als. vs. the Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South et als.	No. 413 24th District Court, Parish of East Feliciana, State of Louisiana.
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In the above entitled cause, on motion of counsel for all parties, plaintiffs and defendants, and upon the suggestion of counsel that the parties had composed their differences, and had compromised respecting the matters set forth in the petition of plaintiffs and in order to put an end to the litigation and to avoid future litigation or dispute the said parties had agreed upon and consented to the judgment and decree here set forth; and the law and the evidence being in favor of the same. It is now here ordered, adjudged and decreed that the property described in the plaintiff's petition, to-wit: That property at Jackson in this Parish consisting of fifty acres more or less, originally conveyed by John H. Horton and James H. Ficklen of the Parish of East Feliciana, on the third day of February 1816, by public act before John H. Johnson, Parish Judge, together with all of the buildings, improvements, library, apparatus and paraphernalia of every kind and character thereon situated or thereunto belonging, also a certain lot of ground at corner of East College Street, running east and west by residence of Mrs. S. C. Schwing in the said town of Jackson including all the property rights and credits appertaining to Centenary College or known as such, be and the same is hereby recognized and declared hereafter to be the property of the Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual

Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Board of Trustees of Centenary College shall and will without delay make formal conveyance thereto by public act and the said Legal Conference shall and will by the same public act accepting title thereunto upon and subject to all the conditions contained in the act passed before Lafayette Sanders on the fifth day of June, 1845, and agreeing to maintain a literary institution at Jackson, La., and to comply with the statutes of this State on the subject matter and with the terms of the Charter or act of incorporation approved by the Governor of the State on June, 29th, 1848, and shall and will by the same act bind the said Legal Conference to use the whole endowment fund and notes and proceeds thereof as they now exist for the use and behalf of said literary institution only at Jackson, La.

It is further ordered and decreed that the restraining order be recalled and temporary injunction quashed, and the writ denied and that the costs of these proceedings be borne in equal part by plaintiffs and defendants.

Done, read and signed in open court this 28th day of November, 1905.

JOSEPH L. GOLSAN,
Judge of 24th Judicial District.

Deed of State of Louisiana to Judge McGehee.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
Parish of East Feliciana. }

Be it known and remembered, that on this the fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, before me, Lafayette Sanders, Parish Judge of the Parish of East Feliciana and ex officio Notary Public in and for the same, personally came and appeared William Debuys, Esq., Treasurer of the State of Louisiana, who did declare and say that for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be paid to him as Treasurer aforesaid or his assigns or successors in office in three equal annual installments the same being secured by notes of even date herewith.

He has sold and delivered to Edward McGehee, Esq., of

Wilkinson County, State of Mississippi, all the rights, privileges, titles and interests which the State has in and to the College of Louisiana and its appurtenances on a credit of one, two and three years payable in equal annual installments bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from maturity until paid, provided that the aforesaid College shall not be appropriated to any other purposes than a literary institution being the same property this day sold at public auction in the town of Jackson by Lafayette Sanders, Parish Judge of said Parish and ex officio auctioneer, in and for the same after the notices and advertisements required by law and in conformity with an act of Legislature of the State of Louisiana approved March 8th, 1845 and entitled an act for the sale of the College of Louisiana and for the purposes and bid off by the said Edward McGehee, Esq., for the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, he being the last and highest bidder and having complied with the terms of the sale by executing his three several promissory notes for the sum of 3,333 and one-third dollars each with David Thomas and John McKowen securities. And the said William Debuys, Esq., Treasurer as aforesaid and in said official capacity does hereby warrant the said property to the said Edward McGehee, Esq., his heirs and assignees to the extent contemplated and required by the said act of the Legislature and as further and the said Edward McGehee, Esq., accepts the sale in manner and form made as aforesaid and with the conditions aforesaid and the parties aforesaid consent and agree to waive a certificate of mortgage as required of the Notary. And the said Edward McGehee further consents and agrees that the record of this deed in the Parish Judge Office of the Parish of East Feliciana aforesaid shall have the force and effect of a mortgage on the property herein alienated until full and final payment of said sum of Ten Thousand Dollars all interest that shall accrue on same in consequence of a failure to make punctual payment.

In testimony of all which the parties aforesaid signed hereunto the one granting the other accepting at the town of Jackson, Parish of East Feliciana the day and date aforesaid in the presence of the said Judge and John B. Higginbotham and Phil-

lip Fishburne subscribing witnesses. The said parties, judge and witnesses all signing in presence of each other.

Witnesses:

JOHN B. HIGGINBOTHAM.
P. FISHBURNE.

WILLIAM DEBUYS,
State Treasurer.
EDWARD MCGHEE,
L. SANDERS,
Parish Judge.

Charter of Centenary College of Louisiana.

We, Williams Winans, James H. Muse, David Thomas, Ira Bowman, Robert Perry, Joseph Carmina, John McVea, A. T. Simmons, John S. Lewis, John W. Burrows, John Robson, L. H. Stockett and James M. Elam, a majority of whom, to-wit, James H. Muse, David Thomas, Robert Perry, John McVea, A. T. Simmons, Ira Bowman and Joseph Carmina are residents of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Louisiana believing that education is a sure support of a Republican Government and that as Southern men we should support Southern education, are desirous for educational purposes to avail ourselves of the benefit of the act of the Legislature of the said State approved on the third day of April, A. D. 1847, entitled "An Act Providing for the Organization of Certain Corporations in the State" and as trustees to be incorporated under the name and style of the "Centenary College of Louisiana" to continue in charge of the college we have already established at Jackson, La., and hereby present to the Governor (the District Attorney approving) the following act of incorporation to-wit :

SECTION 1. It is hereby ordered by the Governor of Louisiana, the District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial District approving, that Williams Winans, James H. Muse, David Thomas, Ira Bowman, Robert Perry, John McVea, A. T. Simmons, John S. Lewis, Joseph Carmina, John W. Burrows, John Robson, L. H. Stockett and James M. Elam, Trustees of the Centenary College of Louisiana at Jackson and their successors in office are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Centenary College of Louisiana.

na, a majority of whom shall form a quorum and at their regular annual meeting five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business and such members as the Trustees shall appoint at their regular sessions shall constitute a committee with power to transact all necessary business in the interim of the regular sessions of the Board.

SEC. 2. And be it further ordered that said corporation shall be possessed of all general powers, privileges and emoluments now secured to similar corporations by the Constitution and laws of this State and shall have power to sue and be sued and plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity in this State and to have and use a common seal, to hold property, real and personal to the value of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, which shall never be appropriated to any other purpose and uses other than the establishment and support of an institution of learning, to adopt such by-laws as they shall deem expedient for the accomplishment of the trust reposed in them, not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of said State, to appoint such officers as may be necessary and to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own body in such manner as they shall prescribe. They shall also have power to establish and continue by such plan as they may desire a Board of Visitors with power to sit in their meetings and vote in the election of the various members of the faculty the making of by-laws and conferring of degrees. They shall have the further power to establish such schools as they may consider advisable to elect and continue a president and professors therefor who shall constitute the faculty of said college having power to govern and conduct the same according to the by-laws which may from time to time be made as aforesaid and bind with the said Trustees to confer such degrees as are usually granted by any university, college or seminary of learning in the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further ordered, etc., that said corporation shall have power to receive such funds, lands or moneys as may be given to it in trust for the endowment of any professorship or other permanent endowment which may be established in said college, which funds shall be used for no other purpose than in strict accordance with the trust. The principal of such

endowments shall not be diminished, but the interest annually accruing may be applied according to the will of the donor or the support of the professorship or other object of endowment. And for the purpose of raising interest upon such funds or moneys received as aforesaid, the said corporation shall have power to loan out at interest, or invest them in such manner and upon such security as shall be deemed more advisable for the entire preservation and security thereof, and to appoint such agents therefor as may be necessary or expedient. But the said Trustees or their agents shall never have power to appropriate the principal of any fund for general purposes, which has been given for a special endowment nor shall the same, or the college library, or fixtures and appurtenances of the same, or apparatus belonging to the same or the furniture or other movables belonging to the college buildings and used by the same ever be liable in law or equity to be seized, sold or applied to the liquidation of any debt or debts which the said corporation may create. But always to be held and used by the said trustees sacredly as a perpetual endowment for the purposes specified and the annual interest or net proceeds only to be used as aforesaid.

SEC. 4. And be it further ordered that the president of the faculty shall always be ex officio a member of the Board of Trustees and that this act shall take effect from and after it is signed and recorded according to the statutes aforesaid.

Signed by the Trustees, June 2, 1848.

Williams Winans.	A. T. Simmons.
David Thomas.	Joseph Carmina.
John H. Musé.	John W. Burrows.
Ira Bowman.	John Robson.
Robert Perry.	H. L. Stockett.
John McVea.	James S. Lewis.
	James M. Elam.

I, Zalegman S. Lyons, District Attorney in and for the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that I have perused and examined the foregoing written application to his Excellency, the Governor of the said State, in which the applicants, a majority of whom reside in said District, propose to associate themselves for literary, scientific, and edu-

ational title of the Centenary College of Louisiana, and it is my opinion that all and every objects, articles and conditions in said application set forth and certified are lawful.

(Signed) Z. S. LYONS,
23rd June, 1848. Dist. Atty. Jud. Dist. Louisiana.

Executive Office, New Orleans, 29th June, 1848 :

Having examined the constitution and by-laws of the Centenary College of Louisiana and concurring in the opinion of the District Attorney as above expressed, said constitution and act of incorporation is in accordance with law, transmitted to the office of the Secretary of State for record at the expense of the applicants.

(Signed) ISAAC JOHNSON,
Governor of Louisiana.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the act of incorporation of the Centenary College of Louisiana, which being approved by the District Attorney for the Seventh Judicial District and by the Governor of State has been this day duly enrolled in conformity with law in the archives of my office.

Given under my hand this 29th day of June, 1848.

CHARLES GAYARRE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
Parish of East Feliciana. }

I certify that the foregoing copy was this day duly recorded in this office in Miscellaneous Acts Book A, page 421, 422, 423.

Given under my official signature and seal this the first day of June, 1871.

JOHN A. MORGAN, Recorder.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
Parish of East Feliciana. }

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Charter of Centenary College of Louisiana on file and record in this office.

Given under my official signature and seal this third day of July, 1871.

HENRY HAWFORD, Deputy Recorder.

And the said Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, through John T. Sawyer aforesaid, its said representative does hereby accept the said transfer upon all the terms, conditions, and stipulations contained and set forth in the said judgment, the said act before Lafayette Sanders of June 5th, 1845, and the said Charter approved June 29th, 1848.

In testimony whereof the parties here signed hereto this fifth day of June, A. D. 1906 in the presence of me Notary and the two undersigned subscribing witnesses.

Board of Trustees of Centenary College,
per S. S. KEENER, Vice President.
Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual
Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South,

Witnesses: per JOHN T. SAWYER, President.

D. H. TAYLOR.

GUY M. TOMB.

ROBT. S. AUSTIN, Notary Public.

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College of Louisiana, at a regular meeting held at Jackson, La., the 5th day of June, A. D. 1906.

Be it resolved, that pursuant to the compromise and judgment rendered in the suit of John C. Keener et als vs. the Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, No. 413 on the docket of the 24th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Feliciana, State of Louisiana on the twenty-eight day of November, A. D. 1905.

The acting President, Dr. S. S. Keener, of the Board of Trustees of the Centenary College of Louisiana be and is hereby instructed to make formal conveyance by public act to the Legal Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of all the property of the said Centenary College of Louisiana as described in and in accordance with and on the conditions set forth in said judgment.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of the Centenary College

of Louisiana on June 5th, 1906, at a regular meeting held that day.

S. S. KEENER, Vice President.

H. N. PHARR, Secretary.

The following little poem recited by Miss Carrie May Miller at Centenary College in June, 1905, is the production of her father. The only apology he offers for sending these lines to the press is the gratification of personal vanity.—C. C. M.

An Ode to Centenary.

Last night as I lay dreaming in a slumber sweet,
 I saw a galaxy of great men one and all,
 Some did outshine the stars that twinkle in the sky,
 While others, numerous as the burning suns,
 That form the milky way,
 Looked down upon my couch and smiled.
 Like one of old on Patmos' lonely isle I questioned,
 "Who are these all robed in white?—this countless throng?"
 A guardian angel from the throne divine
 Stood by my side, sublime,
 And great men pointed out both place and time.
 "'Tis mine to guard an hollowed spot,
 Where Centenary cast her sacred lot,
 A place than which no other is dearer
 To Providence and me and yon bright throng.
 'Tis fanned by Southern breezes and kissed by sunny skies
 Beside the Feliciana River its walls arise.
 No augury of birds, like ancient Rome
 Marked out her destiny—or home,
 Jehovah inspired the hearts of princely men
 To build this monument of undying fame.
 His hand scattered the seed from which the monarch oak
 The beech and elm and lordly pine awoke,
 He summoned from its crimson seed
 The ever-green magnolia—graceful boughs—
 And strewed the campus with wild flowers,
 He scattered jasmines with his fingers
 And peopled all the air with merry song-birds.
 Men burning with the zeal of heaven,
 As if it were an inspiration given,
 Built her walls, her columns and her domes,
 Every brick cemented with a prayer. God smiled
 And the very bells of heaven chimed for joy."

And then me saw a lordly form

Whose beams outshone the luster of the sun.

"For one star differeth from another star in glory."

"This form," the angel said, "upon the glossy sea,
Commemorates a patron and a noble man

A patron saint—for such was *Judge McGehee*."

And then me thought of Abraham and Chaldea.

Abraham—Chaldea, McGehee—Centenary.

"The founder of a nation and the friend of God."

The founder of a college and the friend of man.

And then me thought me heard a bugle blow

A blast that blended with the din

Of horrid war and Judah Benjamin

From these dear college walls, as if by fate,

As secretary to Confederate State

Became a part of Davis' cabinet.

He was a man to royal honor born

And when the flag was furled at Appomattox

And Southern hope and cause forlorn

Was made attorney by an English queen.

And then me thought me heard the famous "rebel yell"

And borne upon the breast of its terrific swell

Me saw mid lurid war and shot and ball

Brave noble youths upon our campus fall.

Under our sighing pines beneath the verdant sod,

They sweetly sleep and wait the solemn trump of God.

Where can a Southern soldier find a sweeter rest

Than on a hallowed campus by tradition blest

Where Jeff Davis as a youth sought knowledge

Within the walls of our dear college.

And then me heard the silver notes of oratory grand,

Resounding through the length and breadth

Of our dear native land,

And E. John Ellis, proudly great,

Was leader in congressional debate.

O, for a voice, a tongue, a pen

To chronical the deeds of Centenary-men!

In every walk of life, at home—abroad

By word and deed they've answered to the voice of God.

Her sons have worn with jealous care

Judicial ermine, pure and fair,

And one elected in the Lone Star State

In the chair of governor sate.

Her honest sons have tilled the soil

That blossomed like the rose of Sharon
 And Providence has blessed the oil
 Like that which flowed upon the priestly Aaron.

For eighty years the smile of God
 Has hovered o'er these buildings grand—
 For eighty years she's fought the fight
 And scored upon the golden strand.
 Her heritage can ne'er be told;
 Her triumphs ring beyond the skies.
 A white-robed throng on streets of gold
 Her praises voice in Paradise.
 Oh! if there could be tears in heaven,
 Could angels weep or seraphs sigh
 'Twill be when men forget the past
 And let this institution die.

The shades of Winans, Wall and Drake
 And Charles Green Andrews on the height
 With Rush and Wiley and a host
 With pain and sorrow view the sight.

Now may I speak of one not yet ascended
 Upon whose hoary head and trembling form
 Rest four-score years and with them blended
 The sparkling dew of heaven's morn?
 One who is both the friend of God and man.
 One who has always hoped and prayed and smiled.
 One who has never lost his faith
 In his belov'd adopted child.

It needs no seer or prophet bold
 To call the name which I withhold,
 For all of life is made serener
 Whene'er we think of Bishop Keener.*

O, God from thine eternal throne on high
 May wisdom unto holy men be given
 To heal the breach so sadly riven
 And may its record be in heaven.

*Since the above verses were written our beloved Bishop has ascended. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

The Chronicles of Centenary

One of the Colleges of Louisiana, Which is Situated in the Province of
East Feliciana, Among the Tribes of the Jacksonites, MDCCCCVI.

CHAPTER I.

1. Behold, it seemeth good unto Charlie-riah, the scribe, whose surname is Miller, to write those things which came to pass in the days when Newton, whose surname was Blanchard, was ruler over all the provinces of the land of Louisiana, and when Joseph, whose surname was Golsan, was one of the judges of the land.

2. Now, there was a certain college which was called Centenary, which was situated in the province of East Feliciana and in a certain city, which was called Jackson and in which dwelt all the tribes of the Jacksonites.

3. And it came to pass that two score years before the death of Abraham, whose surname was Lincoln, and who was ruler over all the kingdoms from the Great Lakes on the north even to the great sea on the south, and over all the tribes on the east and the west, even to the rising and going down of the sun, that the chief ruler of Louisiana gathered together the captains and the judges and the counsellors and the sheriffs and all the rulers of the provinces and commanded them that they should hew down fir trees and make brick without straw and build a temple of learning, even the College of Louisiana.

4. And it was done even as he commanded.

5. Now it came to pass in the twentieth year before the death of Abraham, whose surname was Lincoln, that one of the patriarchs of the land, whose name was McGehee, who was rich in silver and in gold, and in man-servants and maid-servants and was greastest of all men of the land, that he took counsel with all the elders of the synagogues, which are called Methodists, and purchased the college for a possession in the presence of all the children of Feliciana before all that went in at the gate of the city.

6. Now it was written in the deeds and in the decrees and in the pleas and in the writs and in the writings that came down

from the judges of the land, the thing is true according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which altereth not, that the college was to remain in the land of the Jacksonites.

7. Now it came to pass in the days when Henry, whose surname was Morrison, was high priest over all the synagogues of Louisiana, that the dwellers of Caddo, even the Shreveportites, dreamed dreams and said within themselves:

8. Behold, it seemeth good unto us that we take unto ourselves the one little ewe lamb of the Jacksonites, even Centenary.

9. And many of the prophets, which are called Methodists, said: Amen.

10. Now the Sandedrim, which assembled aforetime in the city of the Mindenites, sent spies into the land of the Caddoites to spy out the land, whether it be fat or lean.

11. So they went up and searched the land and came again unto the Sanhedrim and said: Surely it floweth with milk and honey.

12. It is a land of grapes and pomegranates and figs, and they cut a branch of the voluntary tax and the subscription *on paper* and bare it between two on a staff.

13. And the spies went up again into the land of the Caddoites and sold the college, which is called Centenary, to the Shreveportites for a mess of red pottage.

14. Now it came to pass that Henry Clay, whose surname was Morrison, and who was one from among the Kentuckians, with those who had sold the college, wrote writings to all the elders of the synagogues of Louisiana to bind them hand and foot as touching the doings of the spies, even the selling of the college which is called Centenary.

15. Moreover Henry Clay, whose surname was Morrison, wrote writings with his own hand to the elders of the synagogues.

16. Now it came to pass that when many of the elders had signed the writings which Henry had writ and came up before him to the great Sanhedrim that he spake in the presence of all the Sanhedrim and in the presence of all the people and declared that the writing he had writ and the "slips" they had made bound them before the High Priest.

17. Now these things had not yet come to pass, for the

time was not fully come; but they did come to pass about the space of three hours before Henry, who was a ready reader, was prepared to proclaim the provinces in which each of the prophets was to sojourn while he was High Priest over the land of Louisiana.

18. Now there was Samuel, whose surname was Keener, and who was a sojourner among the Jacksonites, and there was Isaac, who was one among the doctors of the law and a dweller among the Clintonites, and there was Charlie-riah, the scribe, and other dwellers among the provinces of Louisiana, who went up before the judges of the land.

19. Now the Shreveportites spake unto the Centenaryites in the presence of one of the judges of the land and said: Let there be a covenant betwixt me and thee and let there be no strife between thy people and my people.

20. And behold, there was covenant made, even a compromise, and behold, the Centenaryites gave unto the elders of the synagogues the College, even Centenary, and made them rulers thereof.

21. And the scribes and the lawyers wrote writings that were signed by one among the judges of the land, that the college was to remain in the land of the Jacksonites according to the deeds and the decrees and the pleas and the writs and the writings, which aforetime had come down from the judges of the land.

CHAPTER II.

1. Now it came to pass in the days when Henry, whose surname was Morrison, was a second time High Priest over all the provinces of Louisiana, that all the elders of the synagogues of the land went up before him to the great Sanhedrim, which assembled itself in the Crescent City, which is called in the Hebrew tongue New Orleans.

2. Now the members of the Sanhedrim were wont to go up before the High Priest once a year to be scattered to east and to the west and to the north and to the south throughout all the provinces of Louisiana, even as the fan doth scatter the chaff from the threshing-floor.

3. Now there were certain ones among the Morrisonites

and the Carterites and the Drakites and the Carre-ites and the Henry-ites and the Moore-ites and the Boggites and many of the prophets among the Wesleyans who sorely desired that the college might be moved to the province of Caddo, and even to the city of Shreveport, notwithstanding the things which had come to pass before one of the judges of the land in the city of the Clintonites.

4. Now Samuel, who aforetime was one of the elders of the synagogue that had counselled with the High Priest, and who had been cast out of the counsel, and Horace, whose surname was White, and who was one among the doctors of the law, and Charlie-riah, the scribe, lifted up there voices with others of the Centenaryites against the doings of the Morrisonites and the Carterites and the Drakites and the Carre-ites and the Henry-ites and the Moore-ites and the Boggites and many others of the prophets, who were among the Wesleyans as touching the removal of the college, even Centenary.

5. Now Charlie-riah, the scribe, arouse in the council of the Sanhedrim and bowed himself before the High Priest, even Morrison.

6. And it came to pass that there was a great battle between the Shreveportites and the Centenaryites.

7. Now, Horace, who was one among the doctors of the law, desired and read the decrees and the writs and writings that had come up from the judges of the land, and behold they filled the camp with a tumult.

8. Now a certain one among the members of the Sanhedrim sent and brought John, whose surname was Clegg, who was not a member of the Sanhedrim, and who was among the Morrisonites and who aforetime was among the judges of the land.

9. And he arose and made his obeisance before the High Priest and declared many things as touching the law and some among the members of the Sanhedrim marvelled greatly.

10. Now, behold, the battle waxed hot, and there was one among the Shreveportites, who was an anti-Centenaryite, who arose from his place among the prophets and bowed himself before the High Priest.

11. But his speech came not, and, behold, he lifted up his

voice and wept, even as one of the children of the land.

12. And, lo, many of the prophets arose and some said one thing and some said another and there was a division among the people.

13. Now Charlie-riah, the scribe's, countenance was changed and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed and his knees smote one against the other, even as the knees of Belshazzar.

14. And he feared greatly lest he should be driven out from the synagogue and be made to eat grass like the oxen, until his hairs should be grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.

15. Now many of the wise men of the Sandedrim kept their silence throughout the long battle, which lasted many days.

16. Now great fear came upon some of the members of the Sanhedrim because of the High Priest, lest he should rise up in his wrath and them hurt.

17. Now in the presence of all the people certain of the wise men from among the prophets spake, every man in his own tongue.

18. One from among the Sanhedrim arose in his place and said: Let us set at naught all the deeds and the decrees and the writs and the writings that come up from the judges of the land, lest they bind us and our children and our wives and our little ones.

19. And some of the prophets said, Amen.

20. Another spake and said: Let us wash our hands of the whole business, and shake off the dust from our feet and let our peace return unto us, as we leave the college, even Centenary.

21. And some of the prophets said, Amen.

22. Another rose from his seat among the prophets and said: Behold, it seemeth good unto me that we send the decrees and the judgments and the writs and the writings back to the judges of the land and let us thrash the whole matter out.

23. And some of the prophets said, Amen.

24. Now there was one among the council, who was one among the Morrisonites, who was wiser than all the members of the Sanhedrim, who said within himself: This college is worth

more than two hundred shekels of silver and a golden wedge and more greatly to be desired than a goodly Babylonish garment.

25. And he arose and said: I move we accept the compromise and the decree of one of the judges of the land.

26. And all the prophets said, Amen.

27. Now Samuel, whose surname was Keener, arose in his place and spake: Behold the day breaketh; I rejoice that the light is breaking in on the Sanhedrim.

28. And it came to pass that Morrison, who sat in the high place, and was chief among the Shreveportites, arose from his place and said: Blot out my name from the commission, who do battle for the Shreveportites.

29. Now it came to pass that before the prophets of the Sanhedrim had made an end of speaking that he, who was to become ruler of the church at Alexandria, stood up in the synagogue and said that some of the wise men in the council of the High Priest had conspired against Samuel, whose surname was Keener, to cast him even out of the Legal Conference over which he was chief ruler.

30. And many of the Sanhedrim arose and bowed themselves and said: Cast him out.

31. And it was done even as they desired.

32. And Samuel folded his tent and came into the land of the Raynites and dwelt under his own vine and fig-tree.

33. And Charlie-riah, the scribe, went back to his tent among the Jacksonites.

34. And every man folded his tent and took his journey and some went into the cities and became dwellers beside great waters and others sojourned in the waste places of the land.

35. Now, Charlie-riah the scribe hath borne a faithful record of some of the doings and sayings of the great Sanhedrim, which assembled in the Crescent City, which is called in the Hebrew tongue, New Orleans.

36. Now the rest of the acts are written in the book of the Chronicles which Jeremiah, the scribe, whose surname is Parker, hath written, which contains all the deeds of the great Sanhedrim.

CHAPTER III.

1. Now it came to pass in the fifth month and on the four-

teenth day of the month after the great "Battle of New Orleans," which was fought in the Sanhedrim among the Wesleyans, that all the law-givers of the land of Louisiana assembled in the city which is called Baton Rouge.

2. Now a certain one which did us much evil and who was not a member of Legal Conference nor one among the Centenaryites conceived and brought forth a bill for the sale of the college to the land of Louisiana, notwithstanding the compromise and the things which had come to pass before the judges of the land and in the Sanhedrim which aforetime had assembled in the city which is called New Orleans.

3. But the law-makers of the land were stiff-necked and refused to be led to the slaughter in the appropriation of three score and fifteen thousand sheckels of gold for the purchase of the college to be used as a house for the demoniacs.

4. And it came to pass that the bill "died a bornin."

5. Now in the sixth month and on the fifth day of the month certain ones among the Centenaryites with certain Anti-Centenaryites assembled themselves in the city of the Jacksonites that those things should come to pass which had been decreed by one of the judges of the land in the city of the Clintonites.

6. And the Centenaryites gave unto the Legal Conference of the Methodists of the land of Louisiana the college according to the covenant made in the presence of one of the judges of the land and according to the things that had come to pass at the great Sanhedrim which aforetime had assembled itself in the city which is called New Orleans.

7. Now Samuel and Isaac and Jesse and James and John and Charlieriah with others of those assembled wrote writings and gave them unto the hands of Henry, whose surname is Pharr, who was an Iberiaite and a dweller in the land of Evangeline, that they should no more rule over the things of the college, but that there kingdom and their inheritance should be given to another.

8. Now a great peace came upon all the people and Israel rejoiced that it was delivered from the hand of the enemy.

9. But Israel had not yet repented, and another plague was sent upon them, and it came upon them in the form of a Bill (a Mr. William if you please) which was to transmute the walls

and collanades and domes of the grand old "Literary Institution" into gold, and translate it over the great river into the land of the Caddoites even to the city of Shreveport.

CHAPTER IV.

1. Now it came to pass in the sixth month and on the eighteenth day of the month in the year after the great Sanhedrim, which had assembled itself in the city, which is called New Orleans, and on the two and twentieth day after the Board of Trustees had delivered the college into the hands of those, who were called Methodists, that the Legal Conference assembled itself in the Crescent City.

2. Now Henry, whose surname was Pharr, and who was from the land of Evangeline, came into their midst and brought writings from each of the members of the Board of Trustees, even their resignations.

3. Now the names of Horace and Isaac and Samuel and Jesse and Charlie-riah, the scribe, and all the dwellers of the province of East Feliciana, and that part of the land of Louisiana, in which the college was builded, were blotted out of the Board of Trustees who aforetime had ruled over the college.

4. And it came to pass that many of the elders, who were captains over the other members of the Sanhedrim and drivers dwellers among the Caddoites were made rulers over the college.

5. Now there was John P., whose surname was Scott, and who was a dweller among the Shreveportites, and chief ruler over the Progressive League, to which aforetime the spies had sold the college, and many other dwellers among the Shreveportites, who were made members of the new Board of Trustees, notwithstanding the city which was called Shreveport was more than two thousand furlongs from the land of the Jacksonites, and the province of East Feliciana, in which the college is set up.

6. Now John, whose surname was Sawyer, and who was ruler over the Legal Conference, was made chief ruler over the new Board of Trustees.

7. Now Charlie-riah, the scribe, hath spoken aforetime in the Sanhedrim many things which would come to pass, and which things did come to pass as touching the non-removal of the College.

8. Now there are certain ones among the new Board of Trustees and among the Elders of the synagogues who will not bow down to the Shreveportites least the *whole Annual Conference* be brought into bondage and compelled to make brick and gather their own straw as did the children of Israel in the land of Egypt.

9. Now the last plague that was visited on the college in the form of a bill before the lawmakers of the land for the removal of the college is sleeping the sleep of the "seven sleepers" in the bosom of a committee of the lawmakers of the land.

10. Now Charlie-riah, the scribe, is still a dweller in the land of the Jacksonites, and it is written in all the writs and the writings and the deeds and the decrees, which come down from the judges of the land, and in the deeds, which John whose surname is Sawyer hath signed, that the College, *even Centenary*, is to remain in the Province of East Feliciana and in the city of the Jacksonites.

CHARLIE-RIAH, THE SCRIBE, WHOSE SURNAME IS MILLER.

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